

**In the Abstract**

Please amend the existing abstract as follows:

**ABSTRACT**

A method of authenticating, using an authentication server, the use of an authentication device over a communication network via an intermediate communication device, comprising:

- receiving an authentication datagram by saidthe intermediate device;
- protecting saidthe datagram by saidthe intermediate device, by at least one of changing, adding to, encrypting and signing of saidthe datagram; and
- forwarding saidthe datagram to saidthe authentication server for authentication.